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AMEND Senate Bill No. 1667

House Bill No. 1390*

by deleting in its entirety subdivision (8) of the amendatory language of SECTION 2 of the printed bill and by substituting instead the following new language:

(8) "Drop-in center" means a place or facility operated by any person or entity providing child care, at the same time, for fifteen (15) or more children, who are not related to the primary caregiver(s), for short periods of time, not to exceed ten (10) hours per week and for not more than six (6) hours per day for any individual child, while the parents or other custodians of the children are engaged in short-term activities that do not include employment of the parent or other custodian of the child; provided, however, that notwithstanding any other requirements of this part, training requirements for the staff of this class of child care agency shall be limited to basic health and safety precautions and the detection and reporting of child abuse and neglect for children in care;

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting in its entirety subdivision (10)(A) of SECTION 7 of the printed bill and by substituting instead the following new language:

(10)(A) "Casual care" operations consisting of places or facilities operated by any person or entity that provide child care, at the same time, for a minimum of five (5) children, but less than fifteen (15) children, who are not related to the primary caregiver(s), during short periods of time that do not exceed ten (10) hours per week or six (6) hours per day for any individual child while the parents or other custodians of the children are engaged in short-term activities, not including employment of the parent or other custodian of the child;

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AND FURTHER AMEND by adding the following as a new SECTION 24 immediately preceding the severability clause in the printed bill and by re-numbering subsequent SECTIONS appropriately:

SECTION 24. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-3-502(d)(7), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (7)(A) and by adding the following new subdivisions:

(B) Adult/child ratios and group sizes may exceed requirements set by rule of the department of human services by up to ten percent (10%), rounded to the nearest whole number, for no more frequently than three (3) days per week; provided, however, infant and toddler groups may never exceed the required ratios and group sizes. The department may terminate the variance from the rule in individual cases under the provisions for issuance of a restricted license pursuant to § 71-3-502.

(C)(i) The department may waive, on an individual basis for any child care agency, any restrictions in its rules, requiring minimum liability insurance coverage, for personal vehicles, or any other vehicles not owned, operated by or contracted by the child care agency, that are only used by the licensee of the child care agency, or that are only used by parents of children enrolled, or by staff or volunteers for the agency, for occasional field trips for the children enrolled at the agency.

(ii) A certificate, or copy of an insurance policy, on any vehicle used for field trips pursuant to this subdivision, evidencing currently effective

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liability insurance in amounts approved by the department, that are less than the minimum amounts required by the department's regulations on vehicles owned, operated, or contracted for by the agency for any transportation of children, shall be verified by the child care agency in its records for each vehicle used for such field trips prior to the use of the vehicle.

AND FURTHER AMEND by adding the following as a new SECTION immediately preceding the severability clause in the printed bill and by re-numbering subsequent SECTIONS appropriately:

SECTION __. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-3-502(d)(7), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (7)(A) and by adding the following new subdivision to be appropriately designated:

(_) (i) The departmental regulations for the Licensure Rules for Child Care Centers serving Pre-school Children, 1240-4-3-.07(4)(e) which define age groupings for "Toddlers (13 months-23 months)" and "2 years (24 months-35 months)" that were enacted by public necessity rule on July 1, 2000 and by permanent rule on December 13, 2000, and which become effective on July 1, 2001 are hereby stayed pending further modification by the department or until July 1, 2002, whichever occurs first. The rules defining infants and toddler age groups which were in effect as of June 30, 2000 shall remain in full force and effect.

(ii) All other departmental regulations not specifically enumerated in this subdivision, including but not limited to those relating to adult:child ratios,

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shall remain in full force and effect, or shall otherwise become effective in
accordance with the provisions of departmental regulations.